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Reports on the meetings of the Working Group on International Cooperation and the Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance held in Vienna from 9 to 13 October 2017 and from 28 to 31 May 2018

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance was established pursuant to decision 2/6 of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. Moreover, in its decision 3/2, the Conference decided that an open-ended working group on international cooperation would be a constant element of the Conference.

2. In its resolution 7/1 on strengthening the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto, the Conference, inter alia, encouraged the Working Group on International Cooperation and the Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance to consider meeting on an annual basis, as needed, and to hold their meetings consecutively, in order to ensure the effective use of resources.

3. The Working Group on International Cooperation and the Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance held back-to-back meetings from 9 to 13 October 2017 and from 28 to 31 May 2018. The joint reports of those meetings (CTOC/COP/WG.2/2017/4-CTOC/COP/WG.3/2017/4 and CTOC/COP/WG.2/2018/3-CTOC/COP/WG.3/2018/3) will be made available to the Conference at its ninth session.

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